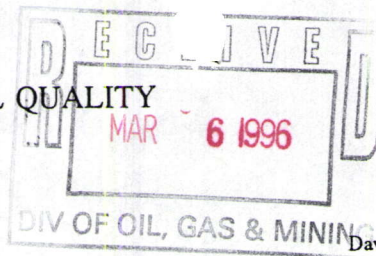




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February 29, 1996

Dr. Gene Farmer
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Dear Dr. Farmer:

Subject: Comments on January 16, 1996 Draft Critique & Recommendation of Kennecott's Report entitled "Acidification Potential of the Kennecott Tailings"; Kennecott Tailings Impoundment

The revisions in the January 16, 1996 version of your report, appear to address the observations made by Wayne Hedberg and myself in early January on your previous draft. With the few editorial changes noted on the attached pages (pages 5-8, 11, 14, 17-19), the report should now be finalized. The final report will complete task 1 in the scope of work in our contract to assist us in review of issues related to Kennecott's Tailings Impoundment. Thank you for your efforts on this product.

Also, enclosed for your information is a copy of Kennecott's recent submittal on the operational monitoring plan and the outline of the plan for Assessment of Acidification Potential (Sampling and Analysis Plan). This information will be helpful in preparation for our next meeting with Kennecott.

We are tentatively scheduling a meeting with Kennecott for April 16, 1996, to discuss the formulation of a sampling and analysis plan to further define acidification potential of the Tailings materials. The scheduling of this meeting depends in part on your ability to attend. Please keep me posted on your recovery from your recent heart attack.

Please call me if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Whitehead

John Whitehead, Ground Water Hydrologist
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Enclosures

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